

# JORDAN TIMES

An independent Arab political daily published by the Jordan Press Foundation  
جوردين تايمز يومية سياسية تصدر بالانجليزية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الاردنية «الراي»

AMMAN, FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1978 — JAMADI AWAL 20, 1398

## France sends warplanes to Chad

PARIS, April 27 (R). — Six French air force Jaguar fighter-bombers arrived in the strife-torn African republic of Chad today, apparently marking further French commitment to its former colony, informed sources said here. The six warplanes arrived at N'djamena airport from Dakar, Senegal, together with a C-135 tanker for in-flight refuelling, the sources said. Their arrival coincided with reports in N'djamena that columns of the rebel Frolinat movement were resuming their march towards the capital. A series of Frolinat successes against government forces in recent weeks has led France to send troop reinforcements to Chad, and an evacuation of French civilians is under way.

## Syria will not join summit while Egypt talks to Israel

DAMASCUS, April 27 (R). — Egypt will have to drop its contacts with Israel before Syria and other hard line Arab powers will attend an Arab summit conference with it, the government's Tishria newspaper said today. It added in an editorial that Syria "rejects any attempt to help the Sadat regime out of its present involvement, give it an Arab cover or enable it to continue following an anti-Arab policy." Instead, it said, Arab efforts should concentrate on persuading Egypt to end its links with Israel and resume "its nationalist (Arab) role in the battle against the Zionist enemy."

Volume 3, Number 740

## Hussein-Tito talks end, King tours Slovenia

LJUBLJANA, April 27 (Agencies). — His Majesty King Hussein today wound up two days of talks with President Tito and left for a tour of Slovenia one of Yugoslavia's six constituent republics.

King Hussein, on his first visit to Yugoslavia began his talks today at the 88-year-old Yugoslav leader's Adriatic island retreat of Brioni.

The King will have talks with Slovenian republican leaders today and tomorrow, before leaving for home on Saturday, officials said.

Yugoslav Prime Minister Vasilje Djuranovic and Premier Jar Budran had separate talks in Brioni today which centred on bilateral cooperation, the officials said.

They discussed the improvement of bilateral trade and investment, and possibilities for participation of Yugoslav firms in construction projects in Jordan, according to the officials. Following the talks, Mr. Budran said in a statement that discussions had also dealt with the non-aligned movement.

"There was an identity of views on non-alignment and it was agreed that there should be coordination between Yugoslavia and Jordan during the non-aligned conference," the prime minister said. He added that the two sides had discussed economic cooperation and the readjustment of the balance of trade which has been Yugoslavia's favour.

Yugoslavia "has promised to considerably increase its imports of Jordanian phosphates this year so as to adjust the balance of trade between the two countries; and the Jordanian side has agreed to further increase its imports of Yugoslav consumer goods," the prime minister said.

He added that the two sides also discussed subjects connected with civil aviation between the two countries; and Yugoslavia has agreed to study Jordanian requests in this field.

The two sides also agreed to revive the joint Jordanian-Yugoslav committee formed in 1964 with the aim of boosting bilateral economic cooperation.

For his part, Prime Minister Djuranovic described the talks with Mr. Budran as fruitful and successful.

## Carter delays planes package as Dayan lobbies in Washington

WASHINGTON, April 27 (Agencies). — President Jimmy Carter agreed yesterday to a brief delay in formally asking Congress to sanction sales of U.S. planes to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Announcing this, White House secretary Jody Powell said the proposals would be sent to Capitol Hill "no later than the first of next week and perhaps as early as Friday."

Mr. Carter administration promised to make the submission on Wednesday barring agreement with Congress members that would avoid a battle over the planned sale. Mr. Powell conceded he did not say the odds are "favour" of such an agreement.

Mr. Carter agreed to delay the submission, he reported, because of requests by congressional leaders for more time to negotiate a possible agreement aimed at allaying concerns of Congress members who fear Saudi Arabia might use American-made F-15 fighters as offensive bombers.

But the press secretary admitted President Carter felt "cannot in good conscience" be presenting the sales package beyond next Tuesday.

Mr. Powell said President Carter felt any further delay would "call into question the ability of American commitment."

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan today sharply criticised what he termed the Carter administration's "dangerous" proposals to sell warplanes to both Israel and Arab states.

After meeting leading U.S. senators here this morning, Mr. Dayan said Israel objected to President Carter's package deal and said he felt sales to Israel should be conducted on their own merits.

"If because of this view we are punished because we oppose the system of the package deal and the arms sale to Egypt and Saudi Arabia and do not get the planes, we shall accept the punishment but shall not change our position about it," he added.

Mr. Dayan said the proposed planes package -- 60 F-15s to Saudi Arabia, 50 F-15s to Egypt and 80 F-15s and F-16s to Israel -- did not come up in a two-hour meeting with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance this morning.

Mr. Dayan said his talks with Mr. Vance were devoted to exploring ways of reviving the stalled Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations.

But his decision to restate publicly the blunt Israeli criticism of the plane sales package indicated that the talks here so far had failed to overcome strains in U.S.-Israeli relations.

Mr. Vance and Mr. Dayan agreed to hold a third and final session of talks tonight.

Mr. Dayan today sharply criticised what he termed the Carter administration's "dangerous" proposals to sell warplanes to both Israel and Arab states.



President Tito Wednesday greets His Majesty King Hussein on his arrival in Brioni, the Yugoslav president's northern Adriatic island retreat. (AP wirephoto)

## Army topples Afghanistan's Daoud after fierce fighting

ISLAMABAD, April 27 (R). — The armed forces in Afghanistan said tonight they had toppled the government of President Mohammad Daoud, the country's ruler for the past five years, after heavy fighting in the capital, Kabul.

The broadcast did not specify whether the Afghan ruler had been killed.

President Daoud took control of the country in July, 1973, after leading a successful coup against his cousin, King Zahir Shah, and establishing a republic.

Gen. Daoud, 68, had drawn criticism for his attempts to establish a one-party state and his way of instituting land reforms in the mountainous country, which borders the Soviet Union, Pakistan, Iran and China.

President Daoud came to power backed by an army which had been Soviet trained. But his regime vowed to follow a policy of non-alignment and not to take part in military pacts.

He was forced to take a careful path in his domestic policies between conservatism, represented by the leaders of the country's dominant Muslim religion and reformists among the young Soviet-trained army officers and new technocrats. Other rival groups also sought support.

The president's own political philosophy has been hard to define. He is best described as a nationalist.

Reports reaching here said today's battle was apparently sparked by an earlier Kabul Radio announcement that seven communist leaders had been arrested.

One of Afghanistan's most prominent communists, Mr. Akbar Khalil, was shot dead on April 17.

Two days later 15,000 people bearing his body marched past the U.S. embassy denouncing the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Today's battle was apparently sparked by an earlier Kabul Radio announcement that seven communist leaders had been arrested.

One of Afghanistan's most prominent communists, Mr. Akbar Khalil, was shot dead on April 17.

Two days later 15,000 people bearing his body marched past the U.S. embassy denouncing the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Today's battle was apparently sparked by an earlier Kabul Radio announcement that seven communist leaders had been arrested.

One of Afghanistan's most prominent communists, Mr. Akbar Khalil, was shot dead on April 17.

Two days later 15,000 people bearing his body marched past the U.S. embassy denouncing the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Today's battle was apparently sparked by an earlier Kabul Radio announcement that seven communist leaders had been arrested.

One of Afghanistan's most prominent communists, Mr. Akbar Khalil, was shot dead on April 17.

## Lebanese parliament approves plan to ban private militias

BEIRUT, April 27 (R). — The Lebanese parliament today urged the government to ban private militias and Palestinian guerrilla activity as a major step towards resolving the country's severe internal problems.

All 74 deputies at an extraordinary session of the single-house parliament approved a plan aimed at restoring the government's authority over the country's heavily-armed political and religious factions.

The six-point formula, worked out by leading politicians, laid special emphasis on security as a basis for reconciling the Christian, Moslem and Palestinian communities.

Political analysts said the proposals were unlikely to be implemented in the near future and were regarded more as a declaration of principles for the next government.

Today's vote was a personal success for President Elias Sarkis. He has been pressing privately for strong curbs on the rival gunmen who have blocked moves to heal the deep divisions left by the 1975-76 civil war.

Its immediate impact will be to help the president form a new government, the analysts said.

The formula calls for "halting armed activity, Palestinian and non-Palestinian, in all parts of Lebanon," and "banning all armed presence except that of the legal authority."

Another key recommendation was for rebuilding the army, which split into at least four rival factions during the civil war.

The plan also stressed the need for a prompt withdrawal of Israeli troops who invaded south Lebanon last month.

House Speaker Kamel As'ad told reporters that parliament had clearly reflected the desire of the people for unity and peace. Dr. Hoss said: "What happened was a positive step which we hope will be followed by others."

Despite the general mood of cautious optimism, there were several indications that Lebanon's critical problems are still a long way from a solution.

Two important political blocs were absent from today's session.

One is led by Tony Franjeh, a rightwing Christian leader and son of a former president. The Franjeh family and its supporters are known to have close ties with the Syrian leadership, which has criticised the formula through the government press in Damascus.

The other is headed by former Prime Minister Rashid Karami, a conservative Moslem, who has said he doubts the usefulness and validity of the plan.

Strict security measures were in force today as the deputies assembled for what has been called a historic session.

Leftists had said the reconciliation proposals could lead to additional divisions and tensions in Lebanon. The six-point plan was praised mainly by rightwing Christians and conservative Moslem leaders.

The Palestinian command movement reacted with reservation, reaffirming its adherence to agreements concluded with Lebanese authorities about the guerrilla presence in the country. Radical Palestinians attacked the formula and called for a continuation of the fight against Israel.

Newspapers reported today

that President Elias Sarkis was expected to ask Dr. Hoss to form a new government comprising representatives of the main political groups.

Before today's parliamentary session, Dr. Hoss conferred with Mr. Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Informed sources said their discussion covered the general situation in Lebanon in the light of the parliamentary meeting.

## Israeli troops scour Nablus

TEL AVIV, April 27 (Agencies). — Israeli troops hunted today for Palestinian guerrillas believed responsible for a bomb attack on a tourist bus, but conceded they had so far failed to detain any suspects.

A curfew was imposed in two central squares and the old market in Nablus, in the occupied West Bank, where a bomb was tossed yesterday into a bus carrying 34 West Germans.

They belonged to a group doing voluntary work in Israel, to help atone for Nazi crimes against the Jews.

Two people who died were identified today as Susanne Clarissa Zahn, 21, and Christoph Gaede.

Five other West Germans, wounded when a pipe stuffed with explosives and nails was tossed in the parked bus in Nablus Wednesday evening, were reported improving at Tel Hashomer hospital near Tel Aviv.

Security forces made house to house searches in the curfew zone and made some arrests, but all those held were later released.

The search then extended to the entire town -- largest in the West Bank -- and to the surrounding hills.

## World News Roundup ...

### Nimeiri will reportedly tell Sadat to admit failure

WAIT, April 27 (R). — A Kuwaiti newspaper said today Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri would try to persuade Egyptian President Anwar Sadat next week to declare the failure of his Middle East peace initiative in a bid to reconcile Arab disagreements over it. The weekly newspaper Al-Hadaf quoted information from Khartoum as saying President Nimeiri would visit on Monday at the start of an Arab tour, that would also include Damascus. He will go in as president of an Arab reconciliation committee, which has been entrusted by the Arab League with the job of preparing for an Arab summit.

### Good news for yen, bad for dollar

LONDON, April 27 (R). — The dollar weakened on European foreign exchange markets today, suffering from the comparative strength of the Japanese yen and a feeling of gloom about America's trade deficit. A remark earlier today by Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda helped the yen rise sharply against the dollar. Dealers felt Mr. Fukuda said that even good could not be Japan's current account surplus from last year's 13 billion dollars to the original target of six billion dollars. The dollar was trading in London this afternoon at around 224 to the pound, sliding down against the pound which stood at 1.3144 dollars here last night.

### Amin supports Arab summit

LONDON, April 26 (R). — Ugandan President Idi Amin has sent a message to King Hussein welcoming his efforts to convene a summit to reconcile conflicting Arab policies in the Middle East, Uganda Radio reported today.

### U.S. may withdraw funds from "pro-PLO" committees in the U.N.

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP). — The House of Representatives International Relations Committee yesterday approved an amendment to the U.S. Foreign Aid Bill that would prohibit the United Nations from using U.S. funds for two committees that sponsors said support the Palestine Liberation Organisation -- the U.N. "Special Unit on Palestinian Rights" and "The Committee on the Exercise of Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People."

### Ford criticises Carter's M.E. policies

NEW YORK, April 27 (R). — Former U.S. President Gerald Ford today criticised the Middle East policy of his successor President Carter. "We would have urged bilateral agreements between Egypt and Israel, Israel and Jordan and then Israel and Syria," Mr. Ford said in a television interview to be shown tonight. He said he was disappointed that the U.S. invited the Soviet Union back into the peace-making process, and that Mr. Carter gave what he called "some encouragement" to the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

tional news agency Ansa afterwards. "We have hit Sergio Palmieri. A communique will follow."

Mr. Palmieri, who was shot four times, was taken to a nearby hospital where he said: "I have been ruined for life."

There was a total silence about the fate of 61-year-old Mr. Moro. The Red Brigades threatened three days ago to kill him if the ruling Christian Democratic Party and government did not release 13 jailed leftists, including the gang's founder, Renato Curcio.

The demand and concessions proposed by Socialist Party Secretary Bettino Craxi have been flatly rejected by the government.

Well-informed sources said Mr. Craxi suggested the government should release several jailed extremists and improve conditions in Italy's new high-security jails for violent extremists, which the guerrillas have bitterly denounced.

A Socialist statement stressed that the party was not suggesting changes in laws or any formal concessions by the state but some indirect gesture which might induce the guerrillas to free Mr. Moro.

But the government of Premier Giulio Andreotti reaffirmed its rejection of any kind of deal with the Red Brigades. An authoritative source close to the premier said: "These people are mad. You cannot play with a bomb."

At Christian Democratic headquarters, an official rejected the Craxi suggestion saying "We appreciate the Socialist efforts but we cannot accept stratagems."

## THE BIG OPENING OF THE HORSE RACE SEASON



SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1978

THE ROYAL RACING CLUB HAS THE PLEASURE OF ANNOUNCING TO THE PUBLIC THE OPENING OF THE HORSE RACE SEASON ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1978 AT 3:00 P.M. AT THE CLUB'S GROUNDS IN MARKA







# National News Roundup

## Demography symposium ends

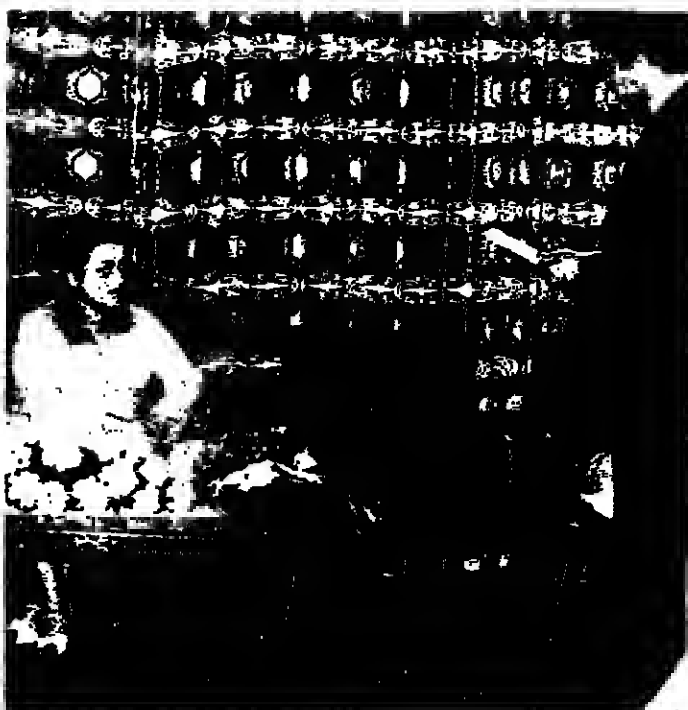
AMMAN, April 27 (JNA). — A two-day demography symposium was concluded at the University of Jordan today. Organised by the National Planning Council in cooperation with the Population Studies Centre at the University of Jordan, recommended, among other things, at a data bank storing information about the population, distribution of man-power and other statistics be set up and it called on the Arab Labour Organisation to conduct a general survey of the labour force in the Arab world so as to determine the different countries' needs of in power.

## Police officers graduated

AMMAN, April 27 (JNA). — A new batch of police officers specialising in criminal investigation graduated today at the Royal Police College after completing an eight-week course. Lt. Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat distributed diplomas to the graduates and prizes to those who excelled.

## Prince Ra'ad visits blind workers in blanket factory

AMMAN, April 27 (JNA). — Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad bin Zeid, in his capacity as honorary president of Friends of the Blind Society, today inspected an arm-factory blanket factory where 18 blind people are employed. The prince is currently preparing a statistical survey of blind people in Jordan with the aim of creating better work opportunities for them both in the public and the private sectors.



Her Royal Highness Princess Alia listens as Ahmad Khudair, the President of the Alumni Club of the University of Jordan, reads a speech welcoming the Princess as the honorary president of the club today.

## Princess Alia named honorary president of U. of J. Alumni Club

AMMAN, April 27 (JNA). — Her Highness Princess Alia was today named honorary president of the Jordan University Alumni Club. The naming ceremony took place during the Princess' visit to the club this afternoon.

## Voluntary work for Labour Day at U. of J.

AMMAN, April 27 (JNA). — The University of Jordan Business Administration Society has begun "Labour Day" voluntary work within the university campus. Nearly 50 students and a number of teachers are fixing signs on campus driveways, and clearing land on which the Trade Faculty will be built. The society is also preparing to take part in activities on Labour Day on May 1, when volunteers will carry out a cleanliness campaign at Nazdal Quarter in Amman in cooperation with school students in the area.

## 41 merchants sentenced

AMMAN, April 27 (JNA). — The military governor has endorsed a verdict by the martial court against 41 merchants found to have violated Ministry of Supply regulations. They were each either fined JD 31 or sentenced to prison for 60 days.

# Economic and Business News

## Economic and trade with Turkey

AMMAN, April 27 (JNA). — A Jordanian economic delegation will leave for Turkey next Monday to conduct talks on developing bilateral economic and trade relations. The delegation will also discuss buying food products for the Consumer's Cooperative Organisation. The delegation will include Minister of Supply Marwan Al-Najjar, Governor of the Central Bank of Jordan Said Nassef, Jordan Phosphate Mines Company Director General Abdul Wahab Al-Majali, and Economic Cooperation Director at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce Ghazi Arabiyat.

## British-Jordanian teams discuss protection of investment

AMMAN, April 27 (JNA). — British-Jordanian trade talks continued at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce today. According to a well-informed Jordanian source, the two sides will be concluding a bilateral agreement providing for the protection of investment in Britain and Jordan. Britain's Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Moberley, heads the British team which includes businessmen and investors.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Arabic play

"The Cafe of the Wise", an Arabic play by Kamal Keilani, is showing at the Department of Culture and Arts Theatre, Al-Luweibdeh. The play will run daily at 7:00 p.m. until May 12.

### Petra Photo Exhibit

A photo exhibit showing scenes from Petra is on display at the French Cultural Centre. The exhibit runs until May 1.

### Jordan Photo Exhibit

Opening today, an exhibition of photos by Fakhr al-Malkawi depicting life in Jordan will be showing till May 1st at the Cultural Centre on Jabal Amman.

## Clubs, Societies, Sports Groups—let us know what you are doing

Our "What's going on" section needs YOUR help if it is to be a success. It's the news of your clubs, your associations, your meetings and outings that are open to the public which appear in "What's going on." Help us to help you publicize your public events. Charity bazaars, school open days, concerts, commercial exhibitions — our readers are interested in your event. Please write us at P.O. Box 6716, telephone 67171 or even call in at our offices on the Amman-Sweid road between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and tell us what's going on. The Jordan Times will publish free listings on the day of the event.

## FOR RENT

A two storey building; each storey consisting of four bedrooms, two spacious salons, two bathrooms, three verandas, with central heating. Rent for each floor is JD 2,500 per year. Location: West of Al-Bustan Restaurant. Please contact Mr. Mohammad Ali Hassan, Volvo garage. Tel. 67851.

Leonardo Da Vinci

## Coming & Going...

### Col. Abdul Rahman Al Muslih chosen to go to Warwick traffic conference

AMMAN, April 27 (JNA). — The Cabinet decided to send the Director of Traffic, Col. Abdul Rahman Al Muslih, and the Consul in the Public Security Department, Lt. Col. Ahmad Abo Al-Saud to attend the eighth international conference for traffic administration and teaching which will be held in London on May 16. The conference is being organized by the United Kingdom.

### Adnan Badran goes to Baghdad

IRBID, April 27 (JNA). — President of the Yarmouk University Dr. Adnan Badran will be leaving for Baghdad tomorrow on a week-long visit to Iraq at the invitation of the Technological University there.

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian Dhs	Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	312.00/314.00
U.K. sterling	568.00/572.00
W. German mark	150.00/150.90
Swiss franc	159.50/160.50
French franc	67.60/68.00
Italian lire (for every 100)	35.90/36.10
Japanese yen (for every 100)	138.90/139.70
Dutch guilder	140.40/141.30
Belgian franc (for every ten)	96.30/96.90
Swedish crown	67.00/67.40

## Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	PAR value	Volume traded	Opening price	Closing price
* Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	4,226	1,600	1,550
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	345	1,150	1,150
* Jordan - Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	2,475	2,750	2,750
*** Dar Aldawa Development & Investment Co.	JD 1,000	330	2,100	1,900
Industrial, Commercial & Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	153	2,600	2,550
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	1,050	1,100	1,050
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	1,315	1,050	1,100
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	387	16,900	16,850
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	1,050	1,150	1,200
Jerusalem Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	120	2,300	2,400
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	5,150	1,450	1,550
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	1,764	15,650	16,050
** Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1,000	731	0,900	0,950
Jordan Spinning & Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	210	1,050	1,050
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	8,658	6,850	7,000
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	2,340	2,200	2,350
Total volume traded, Thursday, April 27		JD 30,304		
* 50 per cent of share capital paid.				
** 60 per cent of share capital paid.				
*** 75 per cent of share capital paid.				

## Doctors meet to combat fragmentation in medical science in Jordan

By a Jordan Times Staff reporter

AMMAN, April 27 — The Jordanian Annual Medico-Surgical Meeting opened here today with the reading of a wide range of technical papers. Among the estimated 200 participants there are five distinguished guests from abroad. They are: Dr. Michael Riley, a top London surgeon; Dr. Ali Murtada and Dr. Paul Ghahary, both from Cairo and famous for their work in eye diseases and in endocrinology respectively; Dr. Marwan Uweida, from the American University of Beirut; and Dr. Ole Sechur, a well known anaesthetist from Denmark.

The two-day meeting, the first in which the Jordan surgical and medical societies have met jointly, will hear forty papers dealing mainly with research which has been carried out in Jordan. A report will be given for instance about the

work which the King Hussein Medical Centre has been doing in heart surgery.

The chairman of the meeting, Dr. Nabih Mu'ammam, told the Jordan Times that the conference was an attempt to com-

keep abreast of the latest developments outside their own specialties. For this reason, most of the papers at the meeting cover general subjects which would be of interest to specialists from every field of surgery and internal medicine.

Specialised conferences on the middle ear, say, or the hip joint are anyway not possible in Jordan, Dr. Mu'ammam continued, because the number of specialists here in any one field is so limited. The total number of surgeons and physicians in the country is estimated at not much above 250.

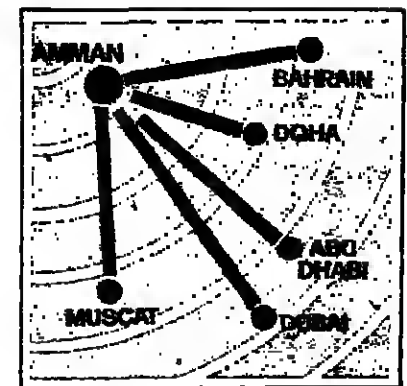
Lining the walls of the lobby at the Professional Association Complex where the meeting is taking place, is a display of drugs and medical equipment. And one participant at the meeting who was not mentioned on the official lists but who was obviously taking an amused view of the proceedings was ... a plastic skeleton.



but the tendency towards fragmentation in medical science. In his opening address he pointed out that over the last decade scientific knowledge has doubled, making it more and more difficult for doctors to

## COME WITH US FROM AMMAN

To Bahrain: Tuesday and Sunday at 10.00 p.m.  
To Doha: Tuesday and Friday at 10.55 p.m.  
To Abu Dhabi: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 8.00 p.m.  
To Dubai: Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 8.00 p.m.  
To Muscat: Tuesday and Friday at 10.55 p.m.



GULFAIR - alia

# JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

## JORDAN TELEVISION

### Channel 3 & 6:

10:00 Quran	10:30 Religious programme
10:30 Children's programme	11:00 Sports
10:45 Sports	11:30 Religious programme
11:00 Religious programme	11:45 Sports
11:30 Religious programme	12:00 Sports
11:45 Sports	12:30 Religious programme
12:00 Sports	12:45 Sports
12:30 Religious programme	13:00 Sports
12:45 Sports	13:30 Religious programme
13:00 Sports	13:45 Sports
13:30 Religious programme	14:00 Sports
13:45 Sports	14:30 Sports
14:00 Sports	14:45 Sports
14:30 Sports	15:00 Sports
14:45 Sports	15:30 Sports
15:00 Sports	15:45 Sports
15:30 Sports	16:00 Sports
15:45 Sports	16:30 Sports
16:00 Sports	16:45 Sports
16:30 Sports	17:00 Sports
16:45 Sports	17:30 Sports
17:00 Sports	17:45 Sports
17:30 Sports	18:00 Sports
17:45 Sports	18:30 Sports
18:00 Sports	18:45 Sports
18:30 Sports	19:00 Sports
18:45 Sports	19:30 Sports
19:00 Sports	19:45 Sports
19:30 Sports	20:00 Sports
19:45 Sports	20:30 Sports
20:00 Sports	20:45 Sports
20:30 Sports	21:00 Sports
20:45 Sports	21:30 Sports
21:00 Sports	21:45 Sports
21:30 Sports	22:00 Sports
21:45 Sports	22:30 Sports
22:00 Sports	22:45 Sports
22:30 Sports	23:00 Sports
22:45 Sports	23:30 Sports
23:00 Sports	23:45 Sports
23:30 Sports	24:00 Sports
23:45 Sports	24:30 Sports
24:00 Sports	24:45 Sports
24:30 Sports	25:00 Sports
24:45 Sports	25:30 Sports
25:00 Sports	25:45 Sports
25:30 Sports	26:00 Sports
25:45 Sports	26:30 Sports
26:00 Sports	26:45 Sports
26:30 Sports	27:00 Sports
26:45 Sports	27:30 Sports
27:00 Sports	27:45 Sports
27:30 Sports	28:00 Sports
27:45 Sports	28:30 Sports
28:00 Sports	28:45 Sports
28:30 Sports	29:00 Sports
28:45 Sports	29:30 Sports
29:00 Sports	29:45 Sports
29:30 Sports	30:00 Sports
29:45 Sports	30:30 Sports
30:00 Sports	30:45 Sports
30:30 Sports	31:00 Sports
30:45 Sports	31:30 Sports
31:00 Sports	31:45 Sports
31:30 Sports	32:00 Sports
31:45 Sports	32:30 Sports
32:00 Sports	32:45 Sports
32:30 Sports	33:00 Sports
32:45 Sports	33:30 Sports
33:00 Sports	33:45 Sports
33:30 Sports	34:00 Sports
33:45 Sports	34:30 Sports
34:00 Sports	34:45 Sports
34:30 Sports	35:00 Sports
34:45 Sports	35:30 Sports
35:00 Sports	35:45 Sports
35:30 Sports	36:00 Sports
35:45 Sports	36:30 Sports
36:00 Sports	36:45 Sports
36:30 Sports	37:00 Sports
36:45 Sports	37:30 Sports
37:00 Sports	37:45 Sports
37:30 Sports	38:00 Sports
37:45 Sports	38:30 Sports
38:00 Sports	38:45 Sports
38:30 Sports	39:00 Sports
38:45 Sports	39:30 Sports
39:00 Sports	39:45 Sports
39:30 Sports	40:00 Sports
39:45 Sports	40:30 Sports
40:00 Sports	40:45 Sports
40:30 Sports	41:00 Sports
40:45 Sports	41:30 Sports
41:00 Sports	41:45 Sports
41:30 Sports	42:00 Sports
41:45 Sports	42:30 Sports
42:00 Sports	42:45 Sports
42:30 Sports	43:00 Sports
42:45 Sports	43:30 Sports
43:00 Sports	43:45 Sports
43:30 Sports	44:00 Sports
43:45 Sports	44:30 Sports
44:00 Sports	44:45 Sports
44:30 Sports	45:00 Sports
44:45 Sports	45:30 Sports
45:00 Sports	45:45 Sports
45:30 Sports	46:00 Sports
45:45 Sports	46:30 Sports
46:00 Sports	46:45 Sports
46:30 Sports	47:00 Sports
46:45 Sports	47:30 Sports
47:00 Sports	47:45 Sports
47:30 Sports	48:00 Sports
47:45 Sports	48:30 Sports
48:00 Sports	48:45 Sports
48:30 Sports	49:00 Sports
48:45 Sports	49:30 Sports
49:00 Sports	49:45 Sports
49:30 Sports	50:00 Sports
49:45 Sports	50:30 Sports
50:00 Sports	50:45 Sports
50:30 Sports	51:00 Sports
50:45 Sports	51:30 Sports
51:00 Sports	51:45 Sports
51:30 Sports	52:00 Sports
51:45 Sports	52:30 Sports
52:00 Sports	52:45 Sports
52:30 Sports	53:00 Sports
52:45 Sports	53:30 Sports
53:00 Sports	53:45 Sports
53:30 Sports	54:00 Sports
53:45 Sports	54:30 Sports
54:00 Sports	54:45 Sports
54:30 Sports	55:00 Sports
54:45 Sports	55:30 Sports
55:00 Sports	55:45 Sports
55:30 Sports	56:00 Sports
55:45 Sports	56:30 Sports
56:00 Sports	56:45 Sports
56:30 Sports	57:00 Sports
56:45 Sports	57:30 Sports
57:00 Sports	57:45 Sports
57:30 Sports	58:00 Sports
57:45 Sports	58:30 Sports
58:00 Sports	58:45 Sports
58:30 Sports	59:00 Sports
58:45 Sports	59:30 Sports
59:00 Sports	59:45 Sports
59:30 Sports	60:00 Sports
59:45 Sports	60:30 Sports
60:00 Sports	60:45 Sports
60:30 Sports	61:00 Sports
60:45 Sports	61:30 Sports
61:00 Sports	61:45 Sports
61:30 Sports	62:00 Sports
61:45 Sports	62:30 Sports
62:00 Sports	62:45 Sports
62:30 Sports	63:00 Sports
62:45 Sports	63:30 Sports
63:00 Sports	63:45 Sports
63:30 Sports	64:00 Sports
63:45 Sports	64:30 Sports
64:00 Sports	64:45 Sports
64:30 Sports	65:00 Sports
64:45 Sports	65:30 Sports
65:00 Sports	65:45 Sports
65:30 Sports	66:00 Sports
65:45 Sports	66:30 Sports
66:00 Sports	66:45 Sports
66:30 Sports	67:00 Sports
66:45 Sports	67:30 Sports
67:00 Sports	67:45 Sports
67:30 Sports	68:00 Sports
67:45 Sports	68:30 Sports
68:00 Sports	68:45 Sports
68:30 Sports	69:00 Sports
68:45 Sports	69:30 Sports
69:00 Sports	69:45 Sports
69:30 Sports	70:00 Sports
69:45 Sports	70:30 Sports
70:00 Sports	70:45 Sports
70:30 Sports	71:00 Sports
70:45 Sports	71:30 Sports
71:00 Sports	71:45 Sports
71:30 Sports	72:00 Sports
71:45 Sports	72:30 Sports
72:00 Sports	72:45 Sports
72:30 Sports	73:00 Sports
72:45 Sports	73:30 Sports
73:00 Sports	73:45 Sports
73:30 Sports	74:00 Sports
73:45 Sports	74:30 Sports
74:00 Sports	74:45 Sports
74:30 Sports	75:00 Sports
74:45 Sports	75:30 Sports
75:00 Sports	75:45 Sports
75:30 Sports	76:00 Sports
75:45 Sports	76:30 Sports
76:00 Sports	76:45 Sports
76:30 Sports	77:00 Sports
76:45 Sports	77:30 Sports
77:00 Sports	77:45 Sports
77:30 Sports	78:00 Sports
77:45 Sports	78:30 Sports
78:00 Sports	78:45 Sports
78:30 Sports	79:00 Sports
78:45 Sports	79:30 Sports
79:00 Sports	79:45 Sports
79:30 Sports	80:00 Sports
79:45 Sports	80:30 Sports
80:00 Sports	80:45 Sports
80:30 Sports	81:00 Sports
80:45 Sports	81:30 Sports
81:00 Sports	81:45 Sports
81:30 Sports	82:00 Sports
81:45 Sports	82:30 Sports
82:00 Sports	82:45 Sports
82:30 Sports	83:00 Sports
82:45 Sports	83:30 Sports
83:00 Sports	83:45 Sports
83:30 Sports	84:00 Sports
83:45 Sports	84:30 Sports
84:00 Sports	84:45 Sports
84:30 Sports	85:00 Sports
84:45 Sports	85:30 Sports
85:00 Sports	85:45 Sports
85:30 Sports	86:00 Sports
85:45 Sports	



# Israel plans major changes in business laws to attract more foreign investments

NEW YORK, April 27 (AP). — The government of Israel outlined its new foreign business policies last night, hoping proposed changes in its laws will increase investments in the country. Mr. Uriel Lynn, newly appointed North American Director of the Government of Israel Investment Authority, said his government wants to increase that number and encourage expansion of existing companies, particularly in sophisticated technology. He said Israel's most important resource is "brain power".

The authority's proposals have passed one of the three votes needed in the Israeli Knesset, Mr. Lynn said. He expects final approval within 30 days. The legislation would be retroactive to April 1.

Among the proposals are to reduce taxes on the profits of foreign businesses operating in Israel, increase government grants to foreign firms and simplify bureaucratic procedures.

The changes for new investments are different from those for established industries. For new foreign firms, or for firms that are expanding:

-- Israel would reduce paper work by ending tax exemptions from several indirect and property taxes. Instead, a foreign business would pay full taxes but receive a flat government grant worth five per cent of the firm's assets in Israel.

Other grants are being changed to encourage business growth outside Tel Aviv and

the centre of the country. A five per cent government grant once offered in the centre area is being eliminated, but the government will continue to offer 15 per cent grants for projects just outside the centre and 30 per cent grants for projects in the outermost zone, 40 miles from the centre area.

The tax on corporate earnings will be reduced from 40 per cent to 30 per cent. If the remaining earnings after the corporate tax are reinvested in Israel, there would be no income tax. But if the earnings are distributed, a 15 per cent income tax would be levied.

-- The government would provide ten-year loans to foreign firms at 17 per cent interest, which Mr. Lynn described as a "negative interest" because of Israel's inflation rate of 25 to 30 per cent.

-- These incentives to foreign businesses would not be subject to conditions, as had been true with other incentives in the past.

For foreign businesses already operating in Israel, the government will maintain the 40 per cent corporate tax but intends to reduce the income tax on retained earnings from 35 per cent to 20 per cent.

It also would allow the established foreign firms to revalue their inventories to make adjustments for inflation, at a rate of 25 per cent of the inflation impact in 1978 and 50 per cent in 1979.

## U.S. Senate approves budget

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP). — The Senate yesterday approved a \$498.9 billion United States Budget for next year that includes slightly less in overall spending and a bit more money for defence.

The proposed spending plan for the fiscal year starting on Oct. 1, which views inflation as a greater problem than a sluggish American economy, was approved on a 64-27 vote and sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

The House and Senate have until May 15 to agree on a tentative budget. The figures will guide Congressional committees as they consider bills between now and Oct. 1. On that date, the figures will become binding limits on spending and tax cuts for the succeeding 12 months.

In approving the budget plan, the Senate left room for an income-tax cut of up to \$19.1 billion, effective next Jan. 1. President Jimmy Carter has recommended a net reduction of about \$24 billion, effective Oct. 1. The Senate budget thus would accommodate the same rate of Carter's tax cut, but only for nine months of fiscal 1979.

The budget assumes U.S. defence spending of \$116.6 billion, which is \$1.2 billion above Carter's original proposal. It would result in a three per cent, inflation-adjusted increase in military spending, fulfilling the Carter administration's pledge to European allies not to reduce U.S. military preparedness.

In addition to \$116.6 billion for defence, the budget includes \$10.1 billion for energy, \$49.5 billion for health, \$31.2 billion for education, training and social services, \$159.9 billion for such income-security programmes as social security and welfare, and \$20.8 billion for military veterans.

## U.S. corporations allowed to fund political campaigns

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP). — The U.S. Supreme Court, over strong dissents by four of its nine members, ruled yesterday that American corporations have a right to speak out on political issues and can spend corporate funds in doing so.

"The inherent worth of the speech in terms of its capacity for informing the public does not depend upon the identity of its source, whether corporation, association, union or individual," Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. wrote for the court's majority.

Powell's sweeping opinion for the first time gives all corporations a full share of free speech rights previously enjoyed only by U.S. corporations in the business of communications or entertainment.

"The press does not have a monopoly on either the First (Constitutional) Amendment or the ability to enlighten," Justice Powell said.

Justice Byron R. White, writing a dissenting opinion, said the decision "casts considerable doubt" on the constitutionality of laws in 31 states which limit corporate political activity and on the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, which bars corporations from spending money in candidate elections.

The Federal Election Commission said it was withholding comment on the ruling's impact on U.S. law until its lawyers could review it.

The Chamber of Commerce hailed the decision as a great victory for the business community.

The decision struck down a Massachusetts law that had barred corporations and banks from spending money to make known their views on issues not materially affecting their businesses.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

# Los Angeles Dodgers continue winning streak against Cincinnati

NEW YORK, April 27 (AP).

Reggie Smith's three-run homer capped a seven-run ninth inning explosion as the Los Angeles Dodgers pounded the Cincinnati Reds 14-4 last night, keeping Tom Seaver winless for the month of April.

Dusty Baker capped five hits, including three doubles, and Bill Russell had four hits to key the Dodgers' 19-hit attack in support of unbeaten Doug Rau, who gave the Dodger staff its sixth complete game in seven outings.

Seaver, without a victory in five starts, was shelled for eight hits and five runs, all earned, in four innings. It was his second straight defeat. The undefeated Rau scattered ten hits in winning his third game.

The victory enabled the Dodgers to widen their lead to 1 1/2 games over the second-place Reds in the National League West.

Elsewhere in the NL, Ed Ott's first home run of the season broke up a scoreless tie in the 11th inning and gave Pittsburgh's Bert Blyleven his first NL victory, a 1-0 decision over the New York Mets.

Bobby Murcer's bases-loaded home run in the third inning accounted for four unearned runs off Steve Carlton and carried the Chicago Cubs to a 4-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Dale Murphy drove in three runs with a triple and a single and Jeff Burroughs extended his hitting streak to eight straight times at bat before it was broken in the seventh inning as the Atlanta Braves defeated the San Francisco Giants 6-1.

Gaylord Perry and Rollie Fingers combined to limit Houston to seven hits and pitch

the San Diego Padres to a 2-1 victory over the Astros. Ken Reitz drove in three runs with a homer and a single and Keith Hernandez scored three runs as the St. Louis Cardinals mounted a 19-hit attack for new manager Jack Kral and walloped the Montreal Expos 12-2.

In the American League, Roy Howell unloaded a two-run homer in the ninth inning, giving the Toronto Blue Jays a 3-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Doyle Alexander handcuffed Cleveland on five hits and Mike Hargrove and Richie Zisk slugged home runs to give the Texas Rangers a 3-0 victory over the Indians.

Wilbur Wood scattered six hits and Chet Lemon highlighted a five-run eighth inning with a bases-loaded triple to pace the Chicago White Sox over the Detroit Tigers 7-2.

A two-run homer by Charlie Moore and solo shot by Cecil Cooper led the Milwaukee Brewers to a 6-4 decision over the Boston Red Sox.

In late American League games on the West Coast, Ruppert Jones' two-run single climaxed a four-run rally in the third and led Seattle to a 5-4 victory over California and Dan Ford's throwing error in the 12th inning allowed the winning run to score as Oakland defeated Minnesota 9-8.

Major league standings and results after Wednesday's games:

### NATIONAL LEAGUE:

#### EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Montreal	9	7	.563	—
Pittsburgh	8	7	.533	1
Chicago	9	8	.529	1 1/2
Philadelphia	7	7	.500	1 1/2
New York	9	10	.474	1 1/2
St. Louis	7	10	.412	2 1/2
WEST:				
Los Angeles	12	5	.706	—
Cincinnati	11	7	.611	1 1/2
Houston	9	10	.474	4
San Diego	7	9	.438	4 1/2
San Francisco	7	9	.438	4 1/2
Atlanta	5	11	.313	6 1/2

Wednesday's games:

St. Louis 12, Montreal 2  
Chicago 4, Philadelphia 2  
Atlanta 6, San Francisco 1  
Pittsburgh 1, New York 0, 11 innings  
Los Angeles 14, Cincinnati 4  
San Diego 2, Houston 1

### AMERICAN LEAGUE:

#### EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	11	4	.733	—
Boston	11	6	.647	1
Milwaukee	9	8	.529	3
New York	8	8	.500	3 1/2
Cleveland	7	8	.467	4
Toronto	6	11	.353	6
Baltimore	5	11	.313	6 1/2
WEST:				
Oakland	14	3	.823	—
Kansas City	11	4	.733	2
California	11	6	.647	3
Chicago	6	9	.400	7
Texas	5	10	.333	8
Seattle	7	15	.318	9 1/2
Minnesota	6	14	.300	9 1/2

Wednesday's games:

Chicago 7, Detroit 2  
Milwaukee 6, Boston 4  
Toronto 3, Kansas City 2  
Texas 3, Cleveland 0  
Oakland 9, Minnesota 8, 12 innings  
Seattle 5, California 4  
Only games scheduled.

## U.K. firm strikes oil at new North Sea well

LONDON, April 27 (AP). — Occidental Petroleum Corporation announced last night a new test well in the North Sea has struck oil about 110 miles east of the Orkney Islands.

But in a statement issued here Occidental said "additional wells must be drilled before the discovery's commercial significance, if any, can be assessed."

It said the well, in the British sector, was tested from upper Jurassic sands at the rate of 1,400 barrels per day of 27.1 API gravity crude oil.

The exploratory drilling was done by a British rig and the new well -- identified as 14-18-1 -- is the first to be completed under the fifth round licensing agreement in which the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) holds a 51 per cent interest. Other shareholders are Occidental, Getty Oil Co., Allied Chemical Corporation, Thomson Scottish Petroleum Ltd.

Occidental said the new well is eight miles west of its Claymore field production platform and 28 miles west of the group's Piper field platform.

Both are linked by a 135-mile pipeline to a terminal in the Orkney Islands at the northernmost end of Scotland. The company also announced it has applied to the government to drill a second well on block 14-18, the charted area of the new strike.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling ....	1.8290/8300	U.S. dollars
One dollar ....	2.0600/15	West German marks
	2.2020/80	Dutch guilders
	1.9250/3000	Swiss francs
	32.18/21	Belgian francs
	4.5900/50	French francs
	866.75/867.25	Italian lire
	4.6415/35	Swedish crowns
	5.4120/40	Norwegian crowns
	5.6630/50	Danish crowns

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

Equities advanced in quiet trading Thursday, dealers said, and the F.T. index rose 8.4 to 466.2. Government stocks declined.

Long-dated government bonds lost around 1/8 and shorts about 1/16. Oils closed firm but off the day's highs while mining shares and Australians continued higher.

Breweries were firm following the price commission report with Allied up 4p and Bass 8p higher.

In traded options, Cons Gold, Grand Met and Courtaulds attracted interest in fairly active conditions.

Price of gold closed in London Thursday at \$169.90/oz.

# AMMAN MARKETPLACE

**RESTAURANTS**

Wine & dine in the unique atmosphere of

**WAGON STOP**

5th Circle, Jabal Amman, off New Orthodox Club Road

CHICKENS & RESERVATIONS TEL: 44770

**THE FLYING CARPET CLUB**

opens for dinner an elegant oriental BUFFET

TEL: 62161 AMMAN

**Patisserie Brioche**

• Delicious Desser •  
• Rare Specialty •  
• Refreshing Amman •  
• Calm Surroundings •

Parking space reserved for our customers

12 Brioche

**EUROPEAN FURNITURE SHOWROOM**

400 SQUARE METRES OF SITTING ROOMS

CHROME FURNITURE & LIGHTING FITTINGS

modern elegant & traditional functions

ABDALLI, NEAR B.B.M.E. BRANCH

TEL: 65693 - 65778

**FURNITURE**

**SCANDINAVIAN SHOWROOM**

CIVIL DEFENCE STREET - TEL: 43399

RODICA 334 - AMMAN

Luxurious furniture handcrafted in Sweden

Assortment of office and home Furniture

**FINLANDIA**

Our fine products made by experienced Finnish craftsmen include the following:

- Furniture for the home and office.
- Ceramic dishes and tableware.
- Handcrafted jewelry.

3rd Circle, JABAL AMMAN, NEXT TO NEW INSURANCE BLDG. TEL: 62667

**GRAND TRAVEL & TOURISM**

TEL: 22768 King Hussein St.

PO Box 2152 Amman

General Sales Agents for:

**OLYMPIC AIRWAYS**

**AD DAILY**

a place for a beautiful and comfortable stay

We have from 10 to 15 rooms and sizes adapted especially for you from 100

Visiting today at Ward Eastern St. Tel. 33333

**TRAVEL & SHIPPING**

SHIPPING INSURANCE

TRAVEL & TOURISM

WORLD-WIDE HOTEL RESERVATIONS

AIR CARGO FORWARDERS

CLEARANCE DOOR TO DOOR

AMIN KAWAN & SONS

Travel & Tourist Agency

PO BOX 222, AMMAN TEL: 22423-9

TELEX 132 & 1320

**JORDAN EXPRESS CO.**

TRAVEL TOURISM

PACKING FREIGHT FORWARDING

TRANSIT INSURANCE

WORLD WIDE SERVICE

JORDAN HUSSEIN ST. TEL: 5775 & 5776 FAX: 5745

AMMAN JORDAN

**RENT A CAR**

**SATELLITE RENT-A-CAR**

BRAND NEW MODELS

TEL: 25767

**NATIONAL RENT-A-CAR**

SHEPHERD HOTEL

TEL: 39197-8

**WE OFFER**

The latest international style.

European, American, Italian, French, English, Japanese, etc.

International paintings, Carrels, Modern, traditional, etc.

Full of types of styles.

FROM

IZZAT MANSOUR STORES

Headquarters: PO BOX 171 TEL: 23398

AMMAN

**EYES EXAMINED**

CONTACT LENSES (Hard & Soft)

**OPTIKOS SHAMI O.D.**

The best Ever Made in Optic

Jordan Intercontinental Hotel Tel 42043

Let the specialists provide you with all your office equipment needs!!

**THE JORDAN EDUCATIONAL CO. LTD.**

(Agents and distributors)

"THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT CENTER OF JORDAN"

Showrooms - King Hussein St. Tel 24222-3

Offices - Prince Mohammad St. Tel 42724

**CONFECTIONERY GIFTS BOMBONIERES**

**PATCHI**

BEIRUT

JABAL AMMAN, HADI KHAIRI ST. TEL: 33399

JABAL HUSSEIN, INDEPENDENCE TEL: 33399

**SWEETS**

**CAPRICORN**

AMMAN

**CONFECTIONERY GIFTS BOMBONIERES**

**PATCHI**

BEIRUT

JABAL AMMAN, HADI KHAIRI ST. TEL: 33399

JABAL HUSSEIN, INDEPENDENCE TEL: 33399

**To advertise in this section**

phone 67774-2-3

**مكتبة الأمل**



FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1978

Your **HOROSCOPE**  
Daily

from the CARROLL RIGHTER INSTITUTE

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** This is no time to take any chances where your reputation is concerned and you be careful to avoid getting into any arguments. Be on your best behavior and show understanding where needed.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** You have to give more attention to a credit arrangement if you wish to avoid a problem. Express appreciation of loved one.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Make new arrangements with creditors and debtors so that your financial situation is improved. Use diplomacy in your business dealings.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** You need to employ more effort if you wish to keep your promises. Showing more consideration for mate can bring greater harmony now.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Take steps to catch up differences with an associate. Don't overlook an important business matter. Relax in the evening.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Persevere at your work and don't permit others to deter you from progressing. Show increased devotion to family members.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** You have to be extremely careful in motion today to avoid possible trouble. Make sure you don't spend too much money for amusements.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Show more consideration or closest ties and ease the tensions at home. Use right methods to solve a problem. Be logical.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** You have to use tact if you are to gain the support of higher-ups concerning a new plan you have in mind. Be more optimistic.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Try to economize more so you won't be caught in a financial pinch in the days ahead. Think constructively.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Take needed steps to improve your health and appearance. Steer clear of a group meeting today. Look for quiet pleasure.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Positive thinking will help your gain your aims at this time. A heart-to-heart talk with mate now can clear up a misunderstanding.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Others may be pressuring you now, but if you control your temper you can get through a difficult assignment. Be poised.

# Big business takes over Italy's cigarette smuggling as the lira's drop against Swiss franc makes one-man operations unprofitable

By Norris Willatt

NAPLES (F.T.) — Marlboroughs, Camels and other cheap supplies of American cigarettes are difficult to come by in Naples at the present time, the cigarette smugglers are on strike. At least, most of them are, in indignation that their perennial opponents in the local version of cops and robbers, the Guardia di Finanza, are playing the game too hard.

The Guardia di Finanza, or Finance Guard, a para-military organisation responsible for fighting crime in the areas of finance and taxation, has recently extended both the scope of its activity in the bay of Naples itself and the severity of its anti-smuggling measures.

This has interfered with the thriving cigarette smuggling trade in the region, involving the transfer of cargoes, mainly in Greece, from ocean going vessels out in the bay to fast motor boats which bear them ashore to contacts in the port of Naples and adjoining communities. The contacts pass them on to wholesalers and retailers.

Neapolitans, some 40,000 or so of whom are said to get their living, directly or indi-

rectly, from the illicit trade, consider this interference a dirty business. Even the communist Mayor of Naples, Signor Maurizio Valenzi, with 120,000 or so unemployed from a total population of 1.5 m. has urged the zealous of the guard to relax their vigilance and let people get on with earning a dishonest living.

But the guardsmen won't listen. One of the few central government agencies which seems to take its duties seriously, and busy enough trying to cope with similar offences such as tax evasion and currency smuggling, the Guardia seems unrelenting in its war on contraband.

Day to day incidents between law breakers and law enforcers often take on the scenario of a 007 film. In a combined land-sea operation in Naples bay one night in the middle of March, one patrol from the Guardia intercepted a 400-ton ship. Flying a Panamanian flag, with a Greek skipper, and the appropriate name of "Seven Dark", the ship lay about 50 miles out to sea from Capri. The guard confiscated its cargo of contraband smokes.

Meanwhile, other patrols

Devaluation of the lira against the Swiss franc has stopped one-man smuggling operations across the border. Well organised hands now bring illicit smokes to Italy via other routes in big-business operations.

tackled two of the "blue motorboats" of the delivery service, one about 10 miles south of Capri and the other in the vicinity of the community of Torre Annunziata. It took six attempts to board the vessels in a rough sea. Crewmen armed with sticks and axe handles put up a battle in which members of the guard were badly injured. At the same time, still other members of the force struck at bases of the smugglers on land.

The net result of the exercise was the seizure of a ton-and-a-half of cigarettes, with an estimated commercial value of about 300 m. lire (around £185,000). The round-up also resulted in the sequestration of a lorry, four cars, seven radio transmitters and other equipment.

Just a few days before, the Guardia di Finanza had pulled off an even more spectacular coup. In a raid on an apartment in the hills of Posillipo they had uncovered the

operations room of the smugglers for the whole bay of Naples area, complete with "war chart" on the wall. This showed the disposition and routes both of the contraband fleet and vessels of the Guardia patrol.

A team in the headquarters, equipped with highly sophisticated electronic devices, and using powerful radio transmitter-receivers, was busy directing operations throughout the bay. It had also the capacity to intercept the instructions from the guard to patrols. This action cleared up the mystery of why the smugglers were so often successful in evading capture.

Among the booty seized in this raid were lists of expected cargoes, with dates and times of arrival; various weapons; a fair amount of cash; and even a quantity of cocaine. This last haul confirmed the hypothesis that regular cigarette smuggling is tied in

with drug smuggling in the area.

## Mafia involvement

The scale of the operation also seemed to establish that the routine business is now being run by very powerful interests (including possibly the Mafia?). What was once an industry of smaller entrepreneurs is now in the hands of racketeers who expect big pickings.

For many years the prototype of the cigarette smuggler was an inhabitant of the Chiasso area of the Swiss-Italian border who humped cartons of smokes over the frontier through the hills, getting paid so much for each load. This trade thrived in the fifties and sixties, but in the seventies has dwindled to almost nothing.

One reason for the demise of this traffic is that the Italian lire has become so devalued in terms of the Swiss franc that the price of contraband duty free cigarettes from Switzerland delivered in Milan (the main destination) is now very little below that of smokes imported through regular channels, with duty paid.

At the same time, the small smuggler has seen his business taken away by big, well organised gangs who are much more daring and ruthless in their methods. The activities in the bay of Naples area are an indication both of scale of their operations and the brazenness of their methods.

Other big time racketeers are said to have organised a massive regular traffic in cigarettes derived from sources in countries such as West Germany and Holland. The contraband is transhipped, disguised as other merchandise, in TIR lorries across the northern borders of Italy with Switzerland, France and Austria.

Cigarette smuggling is big business. In the ten months of 1977 alone, the Guardia di Finanza officers intercepted some 820 tons of contraband tobacco products, duty on which would have amounted to some 23,000 m. lire (about £15 m.). This haul also involved the sequestration of around 2,000 lorries and 200 boats. What got past the guards is known only to the smugglers, and to Italian snipers.

-- Financial Times News-Features

# Practical formulation of an integrated programme for raw materials and foods proves to be extremely difficult

By Greg Smoarski of the Financial Times, London

LONDON (F.T.) — The idea of a UN-sponsored integrated programme for commodities (IPC) was launched at a meeting of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Nairobi, May 1976. It is still little more than an idea; the practical formulation of the IPC is proving extremely difficult.

Ideally, policies of a well-ordered pragmatism are required: whereby commodities trading, which has kept more or less uniformly remunerative to producers and equitable to consumers; they would take account of the changing world economic climate and promote equilibrium between supply and demand.

The operation of the policies would be through the medium of international commodity agreements. Such agree-

reements usually mean the setting up of buffer stocks so that a commodity can be bought when prices reach an agreed minimum and sold when they reach an agreed maximum.

Conferences to discuss world supplies and demand of coffee, cocoa, sugar, wheat, tin, existed prior to the conception of IPC. UNCTAD promotes conferences to get agreements on other major raw materials such as jute, hard fibre, tea, iron ore, copper, manganese, phosphates, tropical timber and vegetable oils. Progress on these has been extremely slow. On bauxite, bananas and meat, it has been virtually nonexistent.

Only rubber is on schedule, and a fully-fledged negotiating conference has been called for October-November of this year. If it succeeds, and there is a good chance that it will, IPC could declare a rubber

The vagaries of the prices of many of the world's raw materials and foods often leave producers starved of income and consumers out of pocket. A UN-sponsored programme of commodity market stabilisation is itself in deep trouble.

agreement by the end of the year -- the original deadline set for agreements on all the eighteen commodities with which the programme is concerned.

## Bright hopes for copper

Copper too is a commodity for which hopes are reasonably bright. This is despite the fact that successive conferences have tended to cover the same negotiating ground time and time again, and then pass their disagreements on to

experts who similarly make little progress. Even the major members of the copper producers' association, CIPEC, have failed to agree among themselves on the need for a production cutback despite the present very depressed price of the metal.

Nevertheless, the view is widely held that uneconomic prices will soon force producers to seek an international agreement, while worries about long term supplies will bring the consumers into line. Even a producers' agree-

ment could run into opposition from transnational corporations who would be most unhappy about the inclusion of export controls as a supporting strategy. But past experience has shown that a copper agreement is likely to be reached when prices are very low and the producers under pressure.

This was certainly the case with the International Sugar Agreement last year, when sugar prices were still much lower than the negotiators intended.

The International Sugar Agreement imposes export quotas on members when market prices fall below a minimum. But the rush to buy and sell during the last few months of 1977, and so beat the export deadline, left comfortable stocks in most of the consumer countries. This situation has been aggravated by the fact that the EEC, a major exporter, is not a partner to the agreement and is not bound by the export limits. The position may improve as stocks are used up, but not all the analysts are happy that this will happen soon enough to please the other major producers.

A further criticism levelled at the sugar agreement is that the delegates, in their enthusiasm to succeed, approved export quotas that were much too high. These attracted a commendable number of producers to join the agreement, but left the market oversupplied. This kind of situation is a consequence of agreements usually being negotiated by diplomats and politicians rather than by experts in the commodity trade under discussion.

## Not enough experts

It is up to individual governments to appoint their delegates to these conferences. Some governments, particularly those of the developed nations, are better than others at choosing trade experts. Many developing countries simply do not have any experts to appoint. The UNCTAD secretariat itself does not include

one person who has the experience of working for a commodity trading house.

This lack of expertise and of informed and well-disciplined pragmatism has beset IPC from its very inception. And only last December a conference discussing the IPC Common Fund broke down inconclusively. The developed countries wanted to keep the fund oriented solely towards the financing of buffer stocks, while the developing nations wanted to be able to draw on it for their development projects.

IPC's difficulties have undoubtedly dealt a blow to the aspirations of the world's developing countries. And they contrast sharply with hopes of a new economic order aimed at giving the developing countries a greater share of the world's wealth.

The developing countries' problems are compounded by their lack of suitable guidance towards making more realistic demands in pursuance of their aspirations. Some UNCTAD officials would like to see the Group of 77 (developing countries) set up their own small research organisation to provide them with statistics and other background information.

Such a body would also have the advantage of restoring the neutral reputation of UNCTAD. At present the UNCTAD secretariat receives requests aplenty for technical help from developing countries' delegates who do not know where else to turn. Because UNCTAD does help them it is sometimes accused of having a permanent bias in favour of the Third World.

But it would be unfair to blame the developing countries for all the stagnation by which IPC is beset. Just before Easter of this year, the conference negotiating a new wheat agreement adjourned amid statements of optimism, but without any concrete achievement beyond a date for reconvening. The adjournment was caused by a split between two developed country consumers, the USA and the EEC.

-- Financial Times News-Features

## RESTAURANT TAIWAN TOURISM

Jordan's largest and most  
Renowned Chinese restaurant

offers you a gourmet's trip  
to the Far East via superior  
oriental cuisine and authentic  
northern Chinese and  
Cantonese dishes.

TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE

rd Circle, Jabel Amman,  
Telephone 41083



We would like you  
to join us  
for the Daily Dish.  
Arabic & European  
dishes. At



## GRAFFITI

FORE!  
IS A  
GOLF  
BOWL

027  
&  
43027

## THE DIPLOMAT

Jabel Amman First Circle tel.  
22592 announces good news to  
our customers.

We have now famous Lebanese  
cooks and staff and we  
are ready to offer Lebanese  
specialties as well as oriental  
and European cuisine at the  
most reasonable prices.

## QUICK MEAL

restaurants for broadened  
even and light snacks.  
be home, lunch or dinner.  
Amman, First Circle.  
21883, Jabel Al Luwath-  
Hawuz Circle, Tel. 30846  
Jal Al Hussein, near Jeru-  
sam Cinema, Tel. 21781.  
Also in Zarka and Irbid.

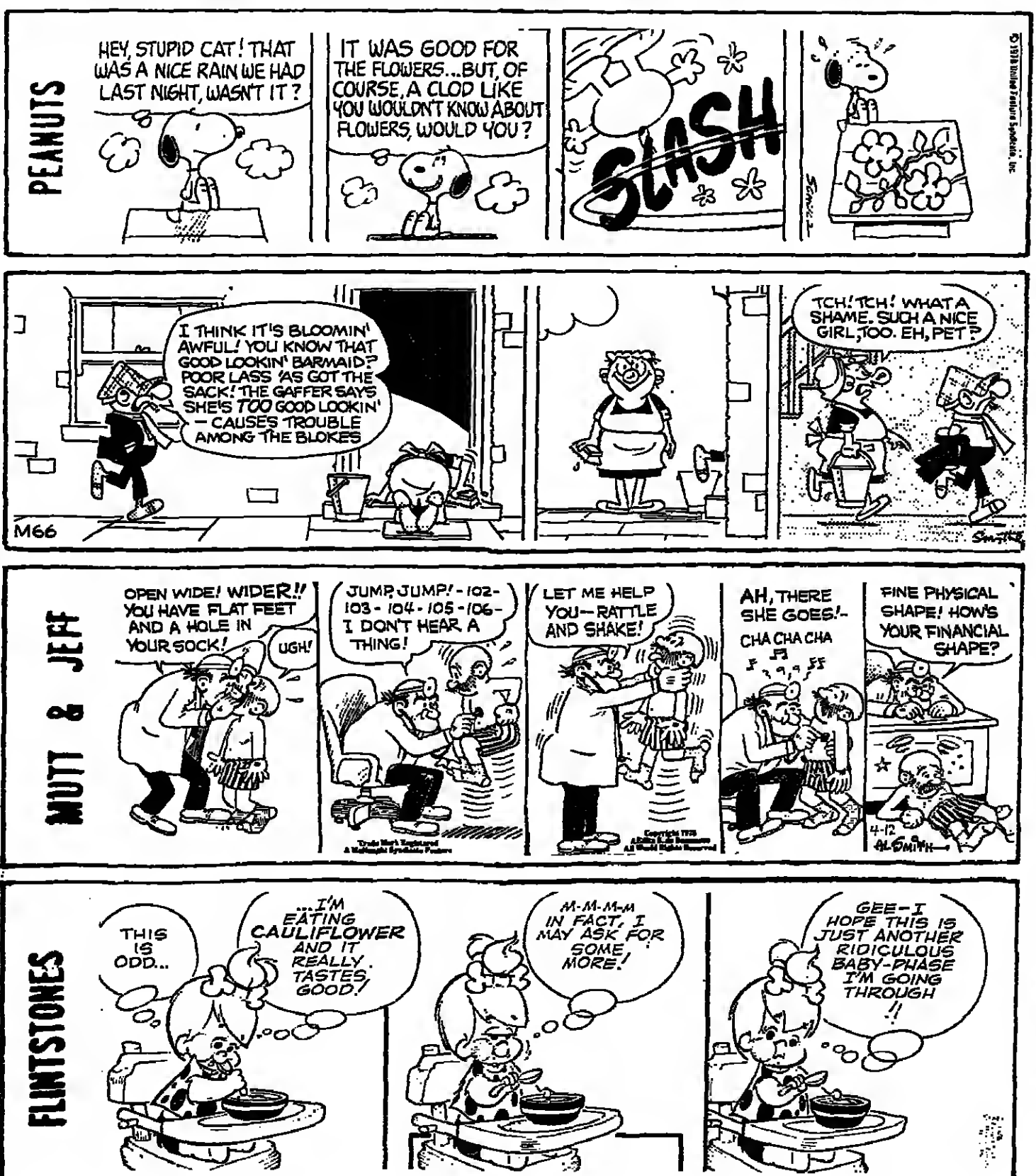
## CHINESE RESTAURANT

First Chinese restaurant in  
Jordan.  
First Circle, Jabel Amman, near  
the Ahlyah School or CME.  
Tel. 38968. Open daily from  
noon to 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
to midnight.  
Also take home service - order  
by phone.

## STEAKHOUSE

Aras Wings Hotel, Jabel  
Luwath, Tel. 22103/4.  
Choice of THREE set me-  
nus daily for lunch, and a  
carte.  
Open 12:30 p.m. and 7-12  
p.m. Specialty: steaks.

For advertising in above columns contact  
"Sout Wa Sour" Tel. 38989.  
Open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.



## THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



"Careful not to spill any of that -- it might eat the enamel off the stove."



# SWAPO will accept Namibia plan under specified conditions

WINDHOEK, Namibia April 27 (AP). — An official of the South West Africa People's Organisation said today that SWAPO President Sam Nujoma is likely to accept the Western plan for the independence of this territory if certain issues are "clarified". Lucia Muhutenya, SWAPO's Secretary for Legal Affairs, told the South African Press Association: "There is a likelihood of Mr. Nujoma accepting the proposals if the West fully cooperates with Mr. Nujoma on the clarification of certain issues."

First among these, observers believe, is the future of Walvis Bay. South Africa claims that the enclave, the only deep sea port on the Namibian coast, is an integral part of its territory. SWAPO says it must be part of an independent Namibia.

The five Western authors of the settlement — the United States, Britain, France, Canada and West Germany — deliberately left Walvis Bay out of their proposals, fearing that it could torpedo the settlement. They said it would be negotiated later between South Africa and an independent Namibia.

Mr. Nujoma would probably like to know how far the Western powers will back a SWAPO government in negotiations for Walvis Bay should SWAPO win in pre-independence elections.

The organisation would also like to know the exact relationship between the South African-appointed administrator and the special U.N. representative who will share powers under the plan.

SWAPO would like the U.N. man to have veto powers over decisions made by the administrator-general. Nujoma is expected to respond soon to the Western proposals at the United Nations in New York. South Africa endorsed the plan on Tuesday.

The proposals call for U.N.-supervised elections to a constituent assembly and the replacement of most South African troops in the territory by U.N. peace-keeping forces, with independence as early as Dec. 31. The plan also calls for release of all Namibian political detainees by South Africa and SWAPO.

The communist-backed organisation has been waging a hit-and-run guerrilla war against South Africa in South West Africa for 11 years.

## Israelis reportedly rob grave of Biblical king in south Lebanon

BEIRUT, April 27 (R). — The daily newspaper al-Safir yesterday said Israeli archaeologists have removed priceless antiquities from the tomb of a Biblical Phoenician king in Israeli-occupied south Lebanon.

The newspaper, quoting local villagers, said the Israelis on Tuesday took golden and marble statues, three burial caskets and a collection of brass and pottery from the tomb of King Hiram of Tyre (969-935 B.C.).

The burial ground lies near the village of Hannawiya, 8 kms. southwest of the ancient port city of Tyre.

King Hiram is said in the Bible to have provided King Solomon of Israel with tons of timber and thousands of workers for the construction of the Temple of Jerusalem.

The paper quoted the villagers as saying Israeli soldiers stood guard as the experts, flown in by military helicopter, took the objects from the tomb.

They said that after several hours, they saw the antiquities being loaded into the helicopter which then flew southwards towards the Israeli border.

Al-Safir said one golden statue was of one of King Hiram's sons, while the marble figures represented other kings of the same era.

Judging by the Book of Kings in the old testament, the brass may be particularly valuable.

The Bible says King Hiram inherited great skill as a brass-worker from his father, and personally fashioned huge pillars of brass for the Jerusalem Temple.

## Political violence hits Turkey again as May Day nears

ISTANBUL, April 27 (R). — Gunmen in three cities shot four people dead and wounded four others yesterday as Turkey approached the anniversary of last year's May Day clash in which 38 people were killed.

Two leftist students handing out pamphlets for this year's May Day celebrations were killed by unknown assailants in a shopping arcade here last night. Three other students were wounded.

In the southern city of Adana two people putting up May Day posters were shot dead and in Ankara a student was shot and seriously wounded.

But the leftwing trade union organisation DISK said here that plans would go ahead for this year's rally in Istanbul's Taksim Square, where last year's bloodbath occurred.

Some 200 people have now died in political violence since Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit took power at the start of this year, with the figure moving closer to the official toll of 263 for the whole of 1977.

Self-proclaimed Maoists firing on leftist trade unionists were blamed for last year's May Day killings, although leftist groups maintained that rightists were involved behind the scenes.

The more conservative trade union group, Turk-Is, has declared that it will have nothing to do with this year's rally and the ultra-left Turkish Workers and Peasants Party is to celebrate the occasion at the end of May.

Mr. Ecevit said last week that the DISK rally had not been outlawed but that strict security precautions would be taken.

## Retracing Sadat's journey

CAIRO, April 27 (AP). — The leader of 188 Roman Catholics calling themselves the "Blue Army of Peace" says the group plans to follow in the footsteps of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat by flying directly from Cairo to Jerusalem.

"Sadat is a providential man and we are retracing his footsteps to emphasize what he did," said John Haffner, 63-year-old writer of religious books and leader of the American group which has leased a DC-9 for a 40-day, globe-circling trip to promote world peace.

"Everybody who believes in God around the world should follow his (Sadat's) initiative," Haffner added. Abdul Salam Al Shaleh, Press Secretary to Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak, confirmed that the Egyptian government approved the Cross-Sinai flight, the first by a group of tourists since Israel was founded in 1948.

Capt. Lawrence Grue, pilot of the blue-striped plane which bears the insignia "One World Through Prayer," said he has a letter from Prime Minister Menachem Begin giving Israeli permission for the flight. The plane was scheduled to take off today, he said.

## Only armed rebellion can cause an Indian state of emergency

NEW DELHI, April 27 (R). — India's ruling Janata Party has proposed constitutional changes which would make it impossible to declare a state of internal emergency except in the event of armed rebellion.

The changes, contained in draft legislation to undo constitutional amendments passed by the former Congress Party government of Mrs. Indira Gandhi, were approved by the party's parliamentary Executive Board last night.

The bill is due to come before parliament in the current session.

One amendment will specify that the president shall not proclaim any emergency unless the cabinet recommends it in writing and that two-thirds of the members of both houses of parliament must approve it within a month.

It substitutes the words "armed rebellion" for the present "internal disturbances" as the grounds on which internal emergency can be declared.

The proposed changes were designed to prevent misuse of emergency powers in the way which Mrs. Gandhi was accused of doing when she acted alone as prime minister to declare an internal emergency on June 25, 1975.

Thousands of the government's political opponents were jailed under the 21-month long emergency which ended with Mrs. Gandhi's defeat in a general election in March last year.

## Gromyko not very optimistic about SALT

SOPIA, Bulgaria, April 27 (AP). — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has said he was hopeful, but not convinced, that a new U.S.-Soviet strategic arms limitation agreement would be reached in the long run. But he appeared less optimistic about the stalled East-West troop reduction talks in Vienna.

In an interview with the Bulgarian news agency BTA, last night, Gromyko, who attended a Warsaw Pact foreign ministers' meeting in Sofia, said of the talks between Soviet leaders and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Moscow last week: "Today the situation is better than it was three or four days ago."

Referring to the second U.S.-Soviet strategic arms limitation agreement — SALT 2, he said that many further efforts will have to be made before this agreement is reached.

The Soviet foreign minister, appearing to criticise the U.S. negotiating position, said: "We want the conclusion of that agreement as soon as possible. But there is another side on which a great deal depends

and which not in all respects acts positively, which from time to time is trying to extract one-sided advantages."

"I would say that on some questions there is progress," Gromyko said, "but these questions are not few. The questions are many and some of them are complicated."

Meanwhile, an influential Kremlin commentator yesterday welcomed the way the United States approached last week's Moscow talks on a SALT pact.

Alexander Bovin, who is reputed to be close to Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, said

that in view of the complexity of the issue, it was an achievement to make even some progress during talks held by U.S. Secretary Vance.

He wrote in the government daily Izvestia that the concluding stage of the SALT negotiations would not be easy, but both countries would have to continue to do more for compromise solutions.

"Mr. Vance's visit left the impression that this is better understood in Washington today than it was yesterday," Mr. Bovin said.

"Forthcoming talks will show how justified that impression is," he added.

## Cuba may stay out of Eritrean-Ethiopian war

HAVANA, April 27 (R). — President Fidel Castro affirmed Cuban support for the territorial unity of Ethiopia, but failed to say whether he was allowing his troops to be used against the guerrillas in Eritrea Province.

Dr. Castro spoke at a rally last night which also heard an address by the Ethiopian military ruler, Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, who is on a visit to Cuba.

The Cuban leader said he would not bow to Western pressure and pull out from Ethiopia the Cuban troops who helped Col. Mengistu's Marxist government to defeat the Somali forces, in the war over the Ogaden desert.

But neither did he say anything about committing them to the conflict in Eritrea, where the Ethiopians are fighting other guerrillas.

## Soviet-West diplomatic clash likely after South African acceptance of Namibia plan

By Serge Schmemmann

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP). — South Africa's acceptance of the Western settlement plan for South West Africa has set the scene for a head-on diplomatic clash between the Soviets and the West over Africa.

Foreign Secretary Donald Jamieson of Canada, speaking for all five Western authors of the South West African Settlement Plan, said on Tuesday that the Western blueprint for a democratic transition to an independent Namibia, as the territory also is known, was on a "take-it-or-leave-it" basis. South West Africa is administered by South Africa and a settlement could mean independence by December 31.

"We are not speaking of concessions one way or another," Mr. Jamieson declared at the United Nations in New York, where South West Africa is currently the subject of debate in a special General Assembly session.

### Soviet veto

The speculation here is that the militant South West Africa People's Organisation, called SWAPO, will impose conditions on the plan, prompting the organisation's Soviet backers to veto it when it comes before the U.N. Security Council.

In a statement at the United Nations on Tuesday, the Soviet ambassador declared: "We support the transfer of all power in Namibia to the political forces headed by SWAPO."

A Soviet veto would be a challenge by the Russians to the United States, Britain, Canada, France and West Germany, since by officially sponsoring the plan and by winning South Africa's acceptance the five have taken responsibility for its success or failure.

Prime Minister John Vorster of South Africa stressed this point in his letter of acceptance Tuesday when he said: "Bearing in mind... the assurance by the five... Western powers on the Security Council that their proposals are now in a final and definitive form, and that the five are giving them their unreserved backing, the South African government accepts these proposals."

Should the Soviets reject the plan, the Western five would appear to be bound to recognise a South Africa-backed "internal settlement" in the territory, whose population is made up of 722,000 blacks and 99,000 whites.

### Rhodesia next

How the Russians, South Africans and Western powers resolve the issue could in turn determine how they tackle Rhodesia, a far more complex problem since an internal settlement already exists there, a guerrilla war is in full force and South Africa has only a limited ability to direct the course of events.

In Rhodesia, the British and Americans have limited themselves to a set of negotiable proposals and to promoting,

again and again, a meeting of "all parties concerned" — Prime Minister Ian Smith, black moderates Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev. Ndabingani Sithole and Senator Jeremiah Chirau, and guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe.

Success in Namibia, however, could embolden the British and Americans to assume a tougher stance and to promote their own Rhodesian plan with greater force.

The West's role in Namibia was enthusiastically welcomed by both liberals and conservatives in South Africa, where the United States has been seen in recent years as helping in the face of a Soviet and Cuban presence on the continent.

### Soviet-West difference

Among the most cherished concepts on this continent of tribal and ideologically divided nations is "territorial integrity," and that is what the Russians and Cubans defended in Angola, Mozambique and Ethiopia. At the same time the Soviets consistently backed black African attacks in international forums against the "racist regimes" of Southern Africa, while the West appeared to support South Africa with trade and Security Council vetoes of economic sanctions.

In South West Africa, however, the Western plan has all the favourable elements — democratic elections with SWAPO included, a ceasefire under U.N. supervision and independence under a black government.

As for South Africa, by allying itself with the West, it gained invaluable support against SWAPO and bolstered somewhat its sagging image in the West.

## GORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
© 1978 by Chicago Tribune

### ASK OMAR

Q.—I am confused about the leads of high honors against opposing no trump contracts. Can you shed any light on this subject?—N. Simpson, Montreal, P.Q.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—A very good question indeed. Since it makes no difference which card you lead from holdings that contain equals (king-queen or ace-king), a specific meaning can be assigned to each card:

a) The lead of the ace: The lead of the ace asks partner to either unblock or to give to count. Typically, it is made from holdings such as AK10x or AKJxx. You want to know whether partner has the queen or, if not, how many cards he has in the suit.

If partner has the queen, he must play it under the ace. Now you know that you can run the suit. If partner does not have the queen, he must play low with an odd number of cards, or start an echo (high-low) with an even number.

Consider the second holding. You lead the ace, dummy has a doubleton and partner plays a low card. Partner has either a singleton in the suit led or three low. If partner has a singleton, he will not be able to lead through declarer's marked queen. (Remember, partner can't have the queen—he didn't unblock.) Therefore, you might as well continue with the ace. If partner started with three cards in the suit, declarer's queen will drop. If not, you will have to abandon the suit since declarer will still be poised with the Q-10 over your jack. You can work out the other combinations for yourself.

(b) The lead of the king: This asks partner for his attitude, i.e., whether or not he wants the suit continued. A typical holding for this lead could be AK10x. If partner likes the suit, he plays a high card, asking you to continue; if not, he plays low, and you can switch. With Qxx, or length in the suit, partner would want you to continue, so he would play the king.

ine, so he would play the higher of his spot cards. With Jxx he would prefer a switch, so he plays the lower. The king is also led from combinations such as AKx or KQx where you might be trying to hit partner's long suit.

c) The lead of the queen: This lead is usually the top of a sequence that includes the jack and either the ten or the nine. However, it may also be a request for partner to unblock the jack, if he has it. You would lead the queen from KQ10x because you can continue the suit safely if partner drops the jack. Remove the ten from that holding and your correct lead would be a low card.

Q.—The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East  
1 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠ Pass

As South, you hold:

(a) ♠ QJ98 ♡ AQ43 ♦ AJ5 ♣ AJ

Would anyone bid a complete idiot bid again?

(b) ♠ 5 ♡ 9 ♦ AKJ1062 ♣ A9852

Would anyone bid a complete idiot bid, or can you find a sane reason for doing so?—Mrs. R.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

A.—Well, count me among the complete idiots on both hands. In (a), I realize that partner is bidding under pressure, but he must have something to venture on the four-level on a bad suit—after all, I'm looking at the AQ in his suit. Just three kings and a singleton spade would give us a good play for slam. I would raise to five hearts, expecting partner to bid a slam if he has only one spade loser.

Matters are considerably different with hand (b). Here partner quite possibly could have nothing but good hearts. I can't say I'm thrilled with the prospect of passing, but the auction has developed terribly for me. Introducing the club suit in an effort to improve the contract could have disastrous results, for if it fits, it's quite likely the opponents will double any five-level contract. Therefore, I pass.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

THABE  
NECEP  
ENSCOD  
ACNIPT



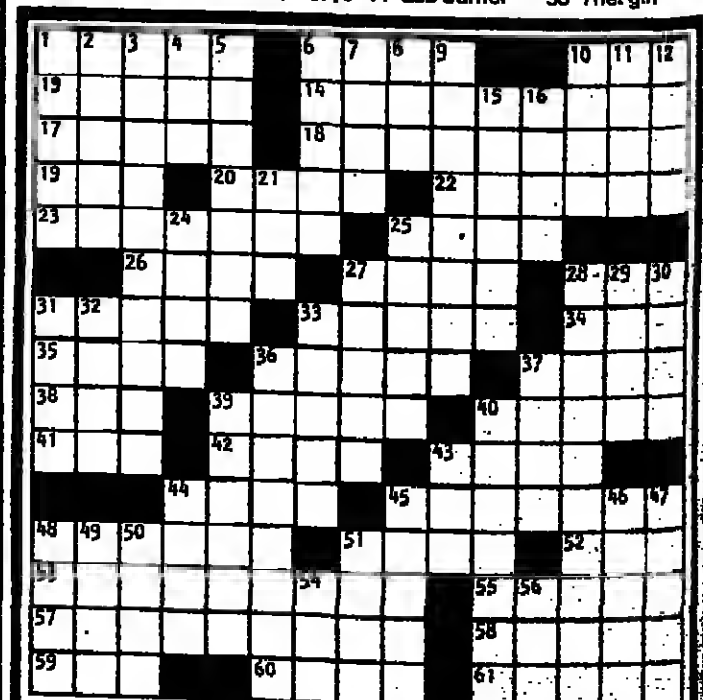
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: IN A


Yesterday's Jumbles: VIPER BANAL UNFOLD ABDUCT  
Answer: A dance for people who don't want to—AN "AVO!-DANCE"

ACROSS	25 Nautical greeting	43 Vehicle	12 Throws
1 Juicy fruits	26 Bench	44 Markley	15 Ornate style
6 Breadwinner	27 —a-brac	45 Breakfast fare	16 Quary
10 Ginger	28 Oahu fare	46 Longs wistfully	21 Old-timer, for short
13 Italian river	31 Expression of anger	51 Recedes	24 Moist
14 Destroy totally	33 Irish port	52 —Magnon	25 Have origin
17 Dometail	34 Capek classic	53 Talk much	27 Utter impulsively
18 Making noise	35 Rens —	55 Bar legally	28 Mining man
19 River to the Yangtze	36 Turn red	57 Secure admittance	29 Drive out
20 Old Greek cry	37 Portion	58 The ones there	30 Angers
22 Elaborate soloe	38 — carte	59 Waights: abbr.	31 Go away!
23 Heavy tools	39 Trumpet sound	60 Turns right	32 State: abbr.
	40 Cracks	61 Ancient Asians	33 Cut sharply
	41 Weight		36 Benefit
	42 Remainder		37 Consider
			39 English novelist


Yesterdays Puzzle Solved:	DOWN	40 Young soci-ety group
SPAN RASR BEDUM	1 Thin wood strips	43 Bowing blow
LUHO OLVA ADJETE	2 Perfect	44 Breakfast food
ATON ARAT GLEIN	3 Duluth native	45 Pays heed to
MONTEBUNASOLD	4 Conceit	48 — by any other name
INTONE SREB	5 African river	47 Canters
ASTER EAST FEIN	6 River of Texas	48 Safecracker
PERSEUSSTANDAN	7 Spindle	49 Student's ordeal
IONA ASSEA DINTA	8 School auxiliary	50 Sacred bull of Egypt
SENDAI GAT	9 Is very ambitious	51 Reason d—
GOLOPFOEDDROD	10 Discomfort	54 Devoured
GENIE FUEL ABO	11 Lab burner	56 That girl
ENTICE ESNE TIES		
BEONE REDS FITE		



© 1978 by Chicago Tribune-N.Y. News Synd. Inc. All Rights Reserved



in cooperation with



announces the starting of a new joint route to Ras Al Khaimah as of May 1, 1978, as follows:

**Mondays and Thursdays:** From Amman to Ras Al Khaimah, via Abu Dhabi:  
Departure, Amman 9:00 p.m.  
Arrival, Ras Al Khaimah 2:15 a.m.

**Tuesdays and Fridays:** From Ras Al Khaimah to Amman, via Abu Dhabi:  
Departure, Ras Al Khaimah 5:45 a.m.  
Arrival, Amman 9:15 a.m.

مكتبة الامارات